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## Business Notices







### THE PLANET MARS.

Every one has heard of the mysterious 'canals' discovered by Schiaparelli on the disc of the planet Mars. For some time after Schiaparelli first announced his discovery of these so-called 'canals,' no other observer succeeded in discerning them. But their existence has now been recognized by the majority of astronomers, though it seems certain that they are more visible at some seasons of the Martian year than at others.

origin, and purpose have so far remained obscure, a mystery, fascinating to the speculative astronomer, but apparently insoluble. It is this problem that Mr Porceda Lowell has attempted to solve in the volume just issued, which is the first of a tetralogy of four issues, which together as he tells the reader, will give a complete study of the planet made during the last opposition, at an observatory put up for the purpose of getting as good air as practicable at Flagstaff, Arizona. Mr Lowell and his colleagues submitted the plan to the Lowell Observatory, and the permission was granted from March 24, 1894, to the end of the year 1895, during which time, to mention nothing else, 917 drawings and sketches were made of it. The result is that very considerable additions have been made to our

It has been determined to warrant the construction of a model of the evolution of the name and pig hypothesis. The model is based on the hypothesis proposed by Crick. The hypothesis expanded by Mr Lowell is as follows:—Mars is a planet whose evolutionary history has reached a stage intermediate between that of the earth and that of the moon. The atmosphere, very attenuated, is not so dense as the earth's atmosphere, but is appreciable and can be consequently scarcely any rain. Below the surface, would be practically waterless were it not for the polar caps of ice, which are probably due to incessant and copious deposits of leafwater during the Martian winter. During the Martian summer these deposits melt, and the extent and amount of the water, and consequently the amount of the water, would disappear altogether. The water, which is present in the atmosphere, would be due to the influence of the summer sun, are found to be surrounded by a bluish ring, wide at the outset, but gradually diminishing in width, which wears the appearance of water due to the melting of the ice.

not for the polar caps of ice, which never melt, but probably due to the incessant and copious discharge of water from the Marston winnowing pits. During the Marston winter the water in the polar caps rapidly diminishes in extent and depth, sometimes disappearing altogether. As they gradually recede under the influence of the summer sun, the water, they are found to be surrounded by a thin layer of ice, rising, while at the outset, but gradually subsiding, to the level of the surrounding water. The appearance of water during the melting of the ice in the snow. This being, we may assume, the water on the planet, it is conducted by means of a most intricate and elaborate system of canals to every part of the surface, and is thus induced to flow, and its presence and effect are readily observed by the terrestrial observer by the gradual decay and the more fertile parts of the surface and of the margin of the canals as the growth of vegetation ensues upon the flowing water from the temporary sea surrounding the melting ice into the several small, circular, in-pits.

the Nile Valley, the Nile itself being represented by the canals, or, rather, by the fertilized strip of desert soil on either side of the canals, and the Delta by the more fertile districts of the ptois, which appear to the observer as durily coloured surfaces, and are held by Mr Lowell to be covered with deciduous vegetation, though by astronomers they have been regarded as bare. There are abundance of hypotheses and no little of probability in the results, and Mr Lowell's systematic and patient observations are entitled to the attentive consideration of astronomers and men of science generally is beyond dispute. But the most serious objection to the observations appears to us to be highly hazardous and speculative, however ingenious and plausible. Mr Lowell's enthusiasm for his subject carries him over many difficulties, and he is not slow to make the most of the observed facts for assumptions for which he has no warrant, and in some cases his grasp of physical principles would seem to be somewhat feeble, and his inferences from them to be inconclusive, if not actually inconsequent.—Times.

TRACHTER—Johnny, what are the three  
grasses? Johnny—Breakfast, dinner and  
supper.

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MISS FARMER—You say you was a soldier  
in the late war. Trueful Tomkins—  
Yes! I was killed at Antietam. Mrs  
Farmer—Killed? Trueful Tomkins—The-  
reotically killed, madam; I was never  
heard uv afterward.

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THOMAS'S one thing," he said, jeeringly ;  
" men never get together and talk about  
things another the way women do." " No,"  
she answered, " I don't think they do.  
There is nothing to say about them."

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THE man I marry," said Miss Teeters, and  
he looked very straight at Mr Whiffet as  
she spoke, " shall never be as grateful as  
I can make as good income as my  
mother." " No?" replied Mr Whiffet.  
" No," repeated Miss Teeters. " He'll have  
to be able to hire a cook."

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Quotations.

HONGKONG, August 29, 1866.

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## Hongkong Register.

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The optimal temperature on the bottom of the  
 tank was 20°C.

F. O. Fraz, First Assistant,  
 Jackson Observatory, August 20, 1898.

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 (Taken at Misses Falderson & Co.'s  
 Premises, Queen's Road.)  
 Honolulu, August 20, 1898.

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Hongkong, August 19, 1896. 1641

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Hongkong, August 14, 1896. 1637

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Hongkong, August 14, 1896. 1661

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Hongkong, August 13, 1896. 1651

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Hongkong, August 18, 1896. 1682

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Hongkong, August 14, 1896. 1609

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Hongkong, August 18, 1896. 1685

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Hongkong, August 12, 1896. 1640

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Hongkong, August 17, 1896. 1642

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Hongkong, August 12, 1896. 1634

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Hongkong, August 5, 1896. 1321

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Hongkong, August 5, 1896. 1322

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Hongkong, June 8, 1896. 1170

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Hongkong, May 21, 1896. 1052

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Hongkong, July 24, 1896. 1496

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*Belle* (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulul).....Saturday, Sept. 12, at noon.

*Gale*, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulul).....Wednesday, Sept. 30, at noon.

THE Steamship *Doric* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 25th August, at Noon, connection being made at Yokohama with Steamer from Shanghai.

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Hongkong, August 8, 1896. 1816

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*China* (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulul).....Thursday, Sept. 3, at daylight.

*Yokohama* and Honolulul).....Tuesday, Sept. 22, at noon.

*City of Rio de Janeiro*.....Thursday, Oct. 2, at noon.

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Hongkong, August 8, 1896. 1816

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*Tacoma*.....[2:40] Thursday, Sept. 3, at noon.

*Victoria*.....[3:10] Saturday, Sept. 21, at noon.

*Quinnipiac*.....[2:00] Friday, Oct. 9, at noon.

*Columbus*.....[3:00] Tuesday, Oct. 27, at noon.

THE Steamship *BRAEMAR*, Captain R. P. Porter, sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 25th August, will proceed to VICTORIA, B.C., and TACOMA (Wash.) via SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

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